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SUBJECT: PRESS REPORT -- UNDERSECRETARY PORTER REMARKS

AT US-ROK ECONOMIC COUNCIL

SUMMARY: UNDERSECRETARY PORTER REMARKS BEFORE PRIVATELY-
SPONSORED US-ROK ECONOMIC COUNCIL IN NEW YORK WEDNESDAY
WERE REPORTED BY ALL JAPANESE PAPER . YOMIURI THURSDAY
EVENING FRONT-PAGED REPORT BY ITS NEW YORK CORRESPONDENT,
AND FIVE OTHER MAJOR DAILIES CARRIED KYODO WIRE SERVICE
REPORT FRIDAY MORNING. END SUMMARY.

1. KYODO REPORTED FACTUALLY REMARKS BY UNDERSECRETARY
THAT KIM TAI-CHUNG CASE COULD HAVE ADVERSE IMPACT ON JAPAN-ROK
RELATIONS. KYODO ALSO REPORTED UNDERSECRETARY DISCLOSURE
OF EARLIER DISCREET STEP TAKEN BY USG TO HAVE ROKG
SUSPEND KCIA ACTIVITY IN US. YOMIURI REPORTED SIMILAR
REMARKS, BUT ALSO NOTED ATTENDANCE AT INAUGURAL MEETING OF
US-ROK ECONOMIC COUNCIL BY ROK FOREIGN AND FINANCE MINISTERS,
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WHO DISPLAYED SURPRISE AND ANGER AT REMARKS WHICH REVEALED

PRESSURE BY USG ON ROKG.

2. KYODO ALSO FILED SEPARATE REPORT ON UNDERSECRETARY REMARKS DEALING WITH KOREA TRUCE ARRANGEMENTS. ASAHI AND NIHON KEIZAI

CARRIED THIS REPORT, WHICH ATTRIBUTED FOLLOWING REMARKS TO UNDERSECRETARY -- QTE IT ESSENTIAL TO MAINTAIN FRAMEWORK WHICH ESTABLISHES TRUCE IN KOREA, BUT US SEEKING ALTERNATIVE ARRANGMENTS SATISFACTORY TO PARTIES INVOLVED, AND WOULD WELCOME AGREEMENT ON THESE. UNQTE.

3. ASAHI AND NIHON KEIZAI IDENTIFIED THIS AS FIRST OFFICIAL INDICATION BY US OF DESIRE TO REVISE PRESENT TRUCE ARRANGEMENTS,

AND VIEWED IT AS INDICATION THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER MIGHT DISCUSS SUBJECT DURING HIS FORTHCOMING VISITS TO JAPAN, BEFORE AND AFTER VISIT TO CHINA. NIHON KEIZAI COMMENTED THAT US WISHES TO REDUCE ITS MILITARY PRESENCE IN KOREA WITHOUT DESTABILIZING PENINSULA, AND MAY BE HINTING THAT IT IS SEEKING AN ALTERNATIVE INTERNATIONAL ARRANGEMENT TO SUPERVISE TRUCE WHICH COULD INCLUDE NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA, CHINA AND JAPAN. INGERSOLL

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